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TRIBUTE TO FORT BRAGG PERSONNEL

(Mr. HAYES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HAYES. Mr. Speaker, I rise to congratulate the men and women at Fort Bragg, North Carolina, who once again have earned the Commander-in-Chief Award for the Army Communities of Excellence program.

For those who might not know, this is an award similar to the civilian Malcolm Baldrige Award for Quality. Today, Fort Bragg personnel, both military and civilian alike, will be recognized for a superior level of performance in meeting the needs of its soldiers, family members, and employees.

I have visited a number of military installations throughout the world, and nowhere have I seen better morale than at Fort Bragg. The Commander-in-Chief Award recognizes officially what many of us living in the 8th District of North Carolina already knew: Fort Bragg is the crown jewel of the Army, the epicenter of the universe.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in applauding the men and women who make Fort Bragg the finest facility in the Nation and in the world.

CINCO DE MAYO

(Mr. BACA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BACA. Mr. Speaker, this week is the week of Cinco de Mayo, a time to celebrate the courage and bravery of Mexican Americans. Cinco de Mayo, the 5th of May, commemorates the defeat of the French Army, which outnumbered the Mexican Army in 1862.

Cinco de Mayo serves as a reminder that the foundation of this Nation was built by people from many nations and diverse cultures who are willing to fight and die for freedom. The celebration is a symbol of pride, tradition and cultural awareness, a day telling our Nation that we need to come together and learn to respect each other's cultures and traditions in order to understand one another.

I have introduced House Concurrent Resolution 85, which calls for a Presidential proclamation recognizing the struggle of the Mexican American people.

To raise awareness of Cinco de Mayo on Capitol Hill, I have invited the Inland Empire Mariachi Education Foundation of Southern California to perform at the U.S. Capitol. This organization is dedicated to inspiring young people to achieve leadership potential and teaching mariachi music to young people after school and instilling pride in their culture and tradition.

My daughter, Jennifer Baca, is one of the performers; and I am very proud of her. They have traveled from Southern California, and they will be performing here.

We will learn more about the cultures and traditions of the Mexicans on Cinco de Mayo as we all celebrate together.

PROPOSED CHANGE TO AMENDMENT VIII OF THE CONSTITUTION

(Ms. CARSON of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. CARSON of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, yesterday, Law Day 2001, I introduced House Joint Resolution 46 to change the wording of constitutional amendment VIII.

Last week, the United States Supreme Court decided a case known as *Atwater v. The City of Lago Vista*. In doing so, they shocked the Nation and those everywhere who believe in rational and traditional limits on the power and reach of government to deal with the people. They concluded that police may arrest and jail people for offenses for which no incarceration may be imposed in upholding the arrest of a mother, in front of her children and her detention until she could arrange to post bail because she was not using her seatbelt.

We used to joke about being arrested for spitting on the sidewalk; now we have life imitating art. Why must common sense be so uncommon in seats of high authority? Why should common sense be so uncommon in the United States?

I do not author constitutional amendments lightly. Restraint is fundamental to the Constitution's survival. But drastic threats to freedom sometimes require drastic measures. This is the only way to overrule the incredibly bad judgment of the majority of Justices on the U.S. Supreme Court. The court's minority is to be commended. They are freedom-loving patriots.

Police States are not the United States. It is time to act. This is the language of the amendment, that says that "excessive bail shall not be required, nor excessive fines imposed, nor cruel and unusual punishments," and I propose to add the language, "including incarceration, before or after trial, for minor offenses not punishable by incarceration," then ending with the word "inflicted."

I would respectfully ask my colleagues to draw together to support this vital change in the most basic law to better protect all who share our most precious values of freedom, better weaving that value into the fabric of our law.

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SUPPORT BOYS AND GIRLS CLUBS IN BUDGET PRIORITIES

(Mr. BARCIA asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. BARCIA. Mr. Speaker, I rise to speak on a subject that is very dear to my heart, the Boys and Girls Clubs of America. We all know that boys and girls who are involved in their local clubs are less likely to get into trouble and more likely to lead productive and successful lives. Simply put, the 2,850 Boys and Girls Club sites across the country, which are located in our Nation's most at-risk communities, help young people avoid many of the pitfalls into which so many of our youth fall. They provides a springboard for the young men and women to start the rest of their lives.

Mr. Speaker, that is why I was so disappointed to learn that President Bush has cut the funding for the Boys and Girls Clubs. With the well-publicized troubles that many families are experiencing as a result of parents working longer hours each day, and increased concerns regarding juvenile crime, I can think of no better investment that the Federal Government can make than to provide young people with a safe environment in the after-school hours, when they are most vulnerable, which is precisely what the Boys and Girls Clubs do.

Mr. Speaker, I strongly urge all of my colleagues to think about the Boys and Girls Clubs when they consider their budget priorities, and give them the funding that they deserve.

PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 10, COMPREHENSIVE RETIREMENT SECURITY AND PENSION REFORM ACT OF 2001

Mr. REYNOLDS. Mr. Speaker, by direction of the Committee on Rules, I call up House Resolution 127 and ask for its immediate consideration.

The Clerk read the resolution, as follows:

H. RES. 127

Resolved, That upon the adoption of this resolution it shall be in order without intervention of any point of order to consider in the House the bill (H.R. 10) to provide for pension reform, and for other purposes. The bill shall be considered as read for amendment. In lieu of the amendment recommended by the Committee on Ways and Means and the amendment recommended by the Committee on Education and the Workforce now printed in the bill, the amendment in the nature of a substitute printed in the Congressional Record and numbered 1 pursuant to clause 8 of rule XVIII shall be considered as adopted. The previous question shall be considered as ordered on the bill, as amended, and on any further amendment thereto to final passage without intervening motion except: (1) 90 minutes of debate on the bill, as amended, with 60 minutes equally divided and controlled by the chairman and ranking minority member of the Committee on Ways and Means and 30 minutes equally